

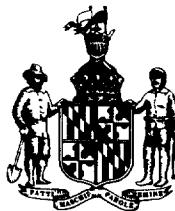
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The Honorable Walter E. Black, Jr.
Senior United States Judge
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: *Grandison v. Lanham, et al.*, Civil No. B-94-204
Siler v. Simms, et al., Civil No. B-98-3142
 Status Report and Request for Extension of Time

Dear Judge Black:

Kindly consider this as a joint status report regarding the above-referenced cases.

Counsel have continued to cooperate with one another during discovery and the depositions of Mr. Grandison and his Islamic expert have been completed. No further depositions are anticipated at this time. To complete discovery, however, some additional written discovery needs to be addressed. Counsel for the parties have conferred about that discovery and believe that, with your permission to extend the discovery deadline, it should be finished within two month's time. In light of this, the parties also request additional time in which to file their dispositive motions and responses thereto. Defense counsel asks for this time also because she is exploring whether to contest the constitutionality of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, one of Mr. Grandison's causes of action.

Accordingly, counsel jointly ask that the deadline for discovery be extended to March 16, 2002, that dispositive pre-trial motions be filed by April 16, 2002, with responses thereto by May 2, 2002 and replies thereto in accordance with the Local Rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Request APPROVED this 18th day of
January, 2002.

Very truly yours,

Walter E. Black, Jr.
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Senior Judge

cc: Joseph B. Tetrault, Esq.

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